



**CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** February 20, 2004

**PLACE:** Department of Health  
Building 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Centerpoint Corporate Park  
20435 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S, Conference Room 2  
Kent Washington

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Karen E. Christensen, Chair  
Robert Helgoe  
Dr. R. J. Smith  
Albert T. Wilkins-Absent  
Mosen Haksar  
Scott Munson  
Jean Phillips, Ex-Officio  
Paul Weatherly

**STAFF:** Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director  
Tammy Benson, Program Manager  
Kathy Devine, Administrative Assistant  
Angeilique Craven, Office Assistant Senior  
Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General

**CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Christensen, Advisory Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Today's meeting agenda was approved. The Committee reviewed and accepted the minutes from the October 24, 2003, committee meeting.

**INTRODUCTION**

Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); Jean Phillips, the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) representative; and Angeilique Craven, an office assistant with the CDP program, were introduced. Gail answered questions from Committee regarding her philosophy and role as the Committee's AAG.

## **PROGRAM REPORT**

***Licensee/Complaint/Discipline*** Tammy Benson shared the following statistics:

***License Statistics: (As of October 23, 2003)***

Current Number of Active CDP's -2493

Current Number of Expired CDP's-429

The Committee was concerned over the number of expired CDP's. Kathy Devine will produce a report of all expired CDP's, the age of each CDP at expiration and the number residing out-of-state. She will then email the report to the Committee.

***Complaint/Disciplinary Statistics:***

Open Cases	60
Intake/Assess	2
Investigation	38
Case Disposition	10
STID	0
SOC	5
Adjudication	4
Default	1

***Retired Active Statistics***

Current Number – 89 (This number has increased from 5 in October.)

***Budget Update***

No Report. Kathy Anderson was not asked to attend today's committee meeting due to the meeting location and her responsibilities with legislative duties. She will be invited to report to the Committee at the June meeting on whether the CDP program meets the criteria for a fee study.

***Committee Member Appointments –***

- ❖ The Committee expressed appreciation to outgoing committee members, Albert Wilkins and Scott Munson for their service to the Committee and the citizens of the state of Washington. Mr. Munson was presented with a plaque. A plaque will be mailed to Mr. Wilkins, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Munson and Mr. Wilkins have been instrumental in developing the current CDP rules for certification.
- ❖ Four CDP Advisory Committee positions will be open for appointment on July 1, 2004. The Committee reviewed the law regarding committee composition. Members of the committee shall be residents of this state. Appointments shall be for three years. No person may serve as a member of the committee for more than two consecutive terms. The positions open for appointment include:
  - a. Two certified chemical dependency professionals;

- b. One physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW who is certified in addition medicine or a licensed or certified mental health practitioner; and
- c. One member of public who has received chemical dependency counseling.

### ***Goal Update***

Masters level counselors need experience in chemical dependency counseling. General counseling does not meet the experience requirement. Add to June agenda: Invite Mike Towey from Tacoma Community College to discuss their program for masters level counselors. Goal reviews will continue to be added to each advisory meeting agenda.

### **EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT/CERTIFICATION WITHOUT EXAMINATION**

The committee identified and discussed the option of certification without examination by applicants who are credentialed in another state that has been determined to have substantially equivalent standards to Washington. Karen Christensen and Jean Phillips will form a sub-committee to collect the licensing requirements from Idaho, California and Oregon to see how they compare to Washington's CDP certification requirements.

### **SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE**

The Committee discussed if interns could count credit for supervised experience when observing their supervisor in a session. The Committee determined that the supervision requirements are defined well enough under WAC 246-811-048. This is a judgment call that should be determined by the supervisor. The supervisor's license responsible for the actions of their trainees.

### **LEGISLATION**

- ❖ Bob Nicoloff discussed legislation that the Department of Health has reviewed or sponsored including:
  - a. Substitute House Bill 2879 which relates to health professions disciplinary procedures.
  - b. Substitute House Bill 2834 which would allow for a task force to study the current models of discipline, the ability to screen applicants and the feasibility of law enforcement agencies to share information with the Department.
  - c. Substitute House Bill 2326 which relates to the Uniform Disciplinary Act For Health Professions.
- ❖ Jean Phillips discussed legislation that DASA has reviewed or sponsored including:
  - a. Substitute House Bill 2786
  - b. Substitute Senate Bill 6703

### **POSSIBLE REVISION TO APPLICANT SCREENING PROCESS**

Tammy Benson reviewed with the Committee the project program staff have been working on with the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges which would simplify the screening process of CDP applications. The goal is to develop a standardization of coursework between schools. Ms. Benson will keep the Committee updated on the project's progress.

### **PRESENTATION**

Mike Towey from Tacoma Community College; Sue Mackey and Laura Tonkin from the Mackey Group gave a presentation on a project they have been working on. The purpose of this project is to:

- ❖ To develop and provide relevant coursework for students and trained/degreed professionals
- ❖ To eliminate the need to repeat general counseling coursework – a deterrent for qualified and competent individuals seeking employment in the field.
- ❖ To assure certification components are integral to this curriculum in order to meet and/or exceed State and National requirements.
- ❖ To develop and provide objective assessments for addiction studies.

### **ISSUE PAPER ON PREVIOUS CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS OF APPLICANTS**

The Committee reviewed the new draft of the issue paper relating to applicants with previous criminal convictions. Ms. Benson will work with the sub-committee to revise the paper to include recommendations to the Department. Ms. Benson will provide the revised draft to the entire committee when the changes are complete.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Susan Chambers attended the meeting and expressed interest in the Committee process.

### **OTHER ISSUES**

Scott Munson expressed appreciation to Karen Christensen for her role as the chair and to the Committee for all they have been able to accomplish while serving on the Committee.

### **NEXT MEETING**

June 4, 2004, Department of Health, Creekside Building Three – Second Floor, Centerpoint Corporate Park, 20435 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Kent, Washington

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Recorder:

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Tammy Benson, Program Manager

Approved by:

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Karen E. Christensen - Chair